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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR WEST TRIPURA DISTRICT (JUDICIAL SECTION)

No.F.4(11)/DM/W/JDL/2021/287-315

Dated, Agartala, the 1st March, 2023

ORDER (U/S 144 CR. P.C.)

WHEREAS, the Counting of Votes in connection with the General Election to the Tripura Legislative Assembly, 2023 shall take place on 2nd March, 2023 from 8.00 A.M onwards vide Press Note No.ECI/PN/1/2023 dated-18th January, 2023.

AND

WHEREAS, some complaints have been received from different corners of the District and the number may increase, resulting in tense atmosphere among the general public which is not at all acceptable for healthy democracy.

AND

WHEREAS, strict vigil needs to be maintained so as to ensure that unscrupulous elements are not able to engage in nefarious activities to breach the peace and tranquility of the District during pre-counting and post-counting period.

AND

WHEREAS, there is apprehension of illegal assembly, breach of peace and public tranquility by anti-social & criminal elements in various areas of West Tripura District which may disrupt the peaceful atmosphere of the state.

Hence, as per the power conferred upon me U/S. 144 of Criminal Procedure Code 1973, I, Debapriya Bardhan, IAS, District Magistrate & Collector, West District, Tripura, do hereby pass order to prohibit any kind of assembly consisting of five or more persons, with or without weapon or weapon like objects such as lathi, sticks, iron rod, bamboos, stone or any object which may be used as weapons of offence and also hereby prohibit holding of any public meeting, rally, gathering, public address with or without use of loud speakers etc, within the jurisdiction of West Tripura District w.e.f. 6.00 P.M of 1st March, 2023 to 6.00 A.M of 3rd March, 2023. Also I do hereby prohibit two or more number of motor bikes or motor cars moving together in any area which also may amount to a sort of illegal assembly.

The order shall not be applicable to:-

- 1. Polling Personnel, CAPF & Police on election duty or their vehicles or any other persons such as media persons with valid passes, drivers and cleaners etc. of vehicles engaged in the election duty.
- 2. Govt. Servants or Police/CAPF/Armed Forces on their routine duty.
- 3. Vehicle transporting goods, vegetables, fish, medicine.
- 4. Ambulances and Vehicles carrying patients.
- 5. Motor cars of the Candidates duly approved by the Returning Officers or any other motor cars duly permitted by the Competent Election Authority.

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- 6. The students appearing in Madhyamik, H.S (+2 stage) and teachers/staffs engaged in Examination duty.
- 7. Vehicles carrying students, school teachers engaged in Examination duty.
- **8.** Motorcycle carrying school students, school teachers engaged in Examination duty with valid ID card following Traffic Rules.
- **9.** Pre-defined areas of gathering permitted by Police authorities near counting centers.

The Superintendent of Police, West Tripura District is directed to ensure strict implementation of this order. The CAPF, SAP, Police shall be deployed optimally to ensure strict implementation of the order.

This order shall be valid w.e.f. 6.00 P.M of 1st March, 2023 to 6.00 A.M of 3rd March, 2023.

Whoever violates this order shall be punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code(IPC).

Issued under my hand and seal on the day of 1st March, 2023.

(Debapriya Bardhan,IAS)
District Magistrate & Collector,
West Tripura District